

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Florence Waxdahl, and the quality of life in any community is directly reflective of the time, commitment and dedication shown by its citizens; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Florence was born March 11, 1907, at Manchester, Iowa, to William and Ida (Caster) Macer; and,

*Whereas*, In 1911, Florence moved to Raymond, South Dakota, where she attended country school; and,

*Whereas*, In 1929, Florence married Melvin Urdahl and they had five children: Lois, Willis Robert, Marlene and Donald, and in 1949, she married Thomas Waxdahl to which one son was born, Thomas. Florence has been blessed with 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Florence resides at Jenkins Living Center, is a member of Grace Lutheran Church at Watertown and her family contributes her longevity to hard work and a strong faith, which contributes to positive qualities and outstanding character; and,

*Whereas*, Florence will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

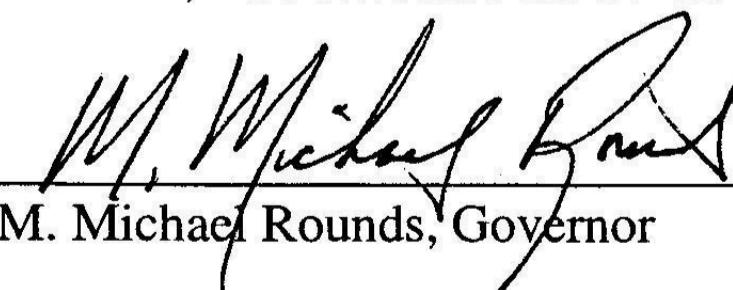
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2007, as

### *FLORENCE WAXDAHL DAY*

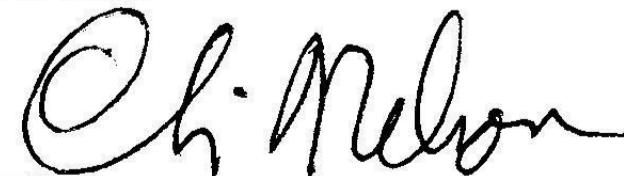
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State